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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 20-29 and 47-58 were pending and subject to examination. In this Amendment, claims 47-52 are canceled, and claims 20, 54, and 58 are amended to improve their form.

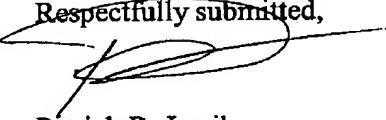
Claims 47-52 are rejected over Shepley (U.S. Patent No. 6,024,281) and Drupsteen (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,238). This rejection is traversed. However, to expedite the prosecution, claims 47-52 are canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the canceled subject matter.

Claims 20-29 and 53-58 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, since all claims are now in condition for allowance, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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